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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants report the summary of a personal interview with Examiner Cam Linh T Nguyen, which was held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia on June 6, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner stated that she would provide an Interview Summary. At the time of preparing this response and statement of substance of the interview, Applicants' attorney had not received said Summary. Applicants, therefore, present the substance of the interview immediately below.

Present at the interview were Daniel Benton (Inventor); Gann Xu (Patent agent and Employee of Assignee of record) and Chyrrea Sebree, Attorney for Applicants.

The prior art cited by the Examiner, which forms the bases for Examiner's rejections, and which were discussed during the interview are: US 6,522,977; US 5,153,825; and Thunderbird ID Numbers 1955-93, Copyright 1994 by Amos Press Inc., pp.217-218.

During the interview, Applicants first presented to the Examiner a proposed amendment to impart further clarity to claims 1, 3 and 11. (Applicants present the amendment for entry in this response.)

Certain automobile color samples were brought to the interview to facilitate the discussion around variation in an automobile manufacturer's paint colors having the same paint codes, but which are applied to automobiles that are manufactured at different manufacturing sites. The interview discussion focused on the content of the cited references and the features disclosed in Applicants' specification. No agreement was reached.

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